



Dietz Neighborhood Association

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Spring, 2005

Hello there, neighbors . . .

It's spring already!

I hope that you have enjoyed the flowers in our medians and in many of our neighbor's yards. The landscape committee and volunteers have really had their hands full this spring trying to keep a handle on the weeds as well as picking up the litter. Through our agreement with the city, neighborhood people volunteer to pick up litter. This year they are even doing light weed spraying. If you would like to donate a little "Round-up" for spraying, the landscape committee would be thrilled.

About once a year the city does a pre-emergent weed spray. This has been such a wet year that we are having a bumper weed crop and the spraying done by the city barely made a dent. When this growing season slows down we will all need to take care to clear the dead dry growth in our yards and alleys to prevent accidental fires from harming any homes.

Look for the median maintenance schedule for the whole year in this newsletter, mark your calendars and feel free to participate. They can sure use your help

We have been in contact with Ward 4 & Department of Transportation to find out what the pavement slurry sealing schedule is for our area. Some streets on the west side of the neighborhood are in pretty sad shape. We all know that the city must deal with budget constraints, but it would be nice to have some idea of the slurry seal schedule time frame, whether positive or negative. We do appreciate the fast action by the city on filling potholes in February when Ed Brousseau gave them specific addresses. If you know of actual pot holes please write down the address of the closest house and let one of the Dietz officers know so that we can get that information to the city.

General Meeting
April 21, 2005—7:00 p.m.
Dietz School Cafeteria
7575 E. Palma
We hope to see you there!

At the January meeting, our neighbor Ann Dickinson reported on research she had done to find out if we can get street lights along Prudence Road. She did a great job and put a lot of effort into it. The cost per light is about \$1800 and the property owners adjacent to the lights would be assessed the cost. So for the time being it was decided to not pursue the issue. For anyone wanting more information on lights you may call Ann at 722-9522. We also heard from Gene Young, a speaker from Habitat-for-Humanity. Since 1970, 225 local Tucson families have become home owners with the help of Habitat-for-Humanity.

Many of our neighbors have pets. A dog or cat becomes like a member of the family, so it was sad to hear about 14 year old Ralphie getting out of his backyard in early March. Henry and Karen Stewart of 33rd Street miss him very much. Ralphie is grey, medium size, and has a collar. If you found a dog like this please contact one of the Dietz Association Officers. Also, a big thank you to Rita Wish for trying to help find Ralphie by spreading the word to everyone she saw as she took her walks around the neighborhood and as she volunteered, helping the staff and kids at Dietz school.

Sincerely,
Linda Howell, President
Dietz Neighborhood Association

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Back to School Bash 2005

In August 2001, the Ward IV City Council Office started the tradition of a "**Ward IV Back to School Bash**". Thanks to the generous contributions of volunteers such as you, this event has been a great success for the families and children in our neighborhood. The fifth annual Back to School Bash is scheduled for **Saturday, August 13th, 7:00 am to noon at the William Clements Center, 8155 East Poinciana Drive**. We count on the continued support of volunteers such as you to enable us to continue this worthwhile community event.

We have been working diligently with the Parks & Recreation Department, Tucson Police Department, Tucson-Pima Public Libraries, Tucson Fire Department and the Pima County Health Department among others, to provide a safe, fun and entertaining day at the Clements Center.

Last year's event was attended by over 1,500 people, and over 30 area businesses donated items. We hope that you will consider volunteering for this year's event. We need help in the organization of this event. This will be from the first of April through Aug 13, 2005. This should be about 3-4 hours per month. We also need your help from 6:00 am until about 1pm on August 13.

We need help in the following areas:

1. Setting up display tables and chairs,
2. Holding the raffle drawings throughout the day for prizes.
3. Handing out the school supplies and raffle tickets.
4. Helping with the preparation and serving of the pancake breakfast.
5. And most of all, in the clean up of the event at closing time.

Thank you for considering volunteering for families and children in our neighborhood. If you have any questions, contact Renee Sowards at Renee.Sowards@Tucsonaz.gov or Shirley Scott's office at 791-3199,

Sincerely,
Ed Brousseau

Officers of the DNA

The Officers of the Dietz Neighborhood Association for 2005 are:

President

Linda Howell, 979-2031

1st Vice President

Kathy Van Horne, 298-7774

2nd Vice President

Ed Brousseau, 296-5021

Secretary

Vacant, Volunteer Needed!

Treasurer

Fred Haag, 298-4034

Please call any of your officers about neighborhood concerns, successes, or ideas!

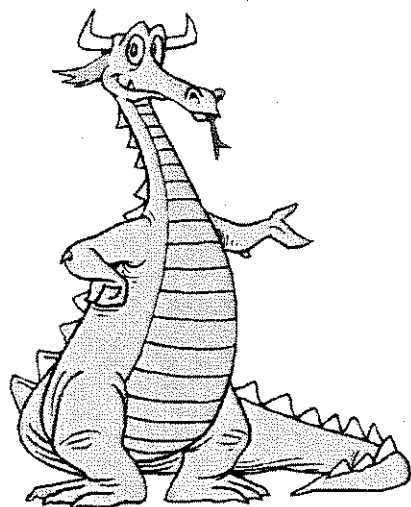
October Elections

Although October is a long way off, there will be several officers' positions to be voted on in our neighborhood association at that time. The positions are President, Second Vice-president, and Treasurer. In addition, the Secretary position is vacant and we are in need of a volunteer. Please consider running for a position. Being an officer of the Dietz Neighborhood Association is a great opportunity to serve your community.

Quick Notes

- Report Graffiti to Dave Mansfield at 885-0767
- Mosquito season is almost upon us. Help to keep the number of mosquitoes in our neighborhood to a minimum by keeping your yard free of standing water.

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Dietz Dragon News

By Lisa McCorkle, Principal

The fourth quarter has arrived along with all the end of the year events at Dietz. We hope you will be able to join us for some of the family community events we have planned.

We are inviting all children who will be kindergarten age and their parents to the Dietz Kindergarten Round Up on April 6 at 1:30 in the Dietz Library. The children will get to visit the classrooms with the teachers, and the parents will be able to pre-register and get all their questions answered. If anyone is unable to attend the round up, just call the school, and we will send you pre-registration papers.

The state mandated tests for grades two – five will be given April 11-15. The testing week will culminate with a PTA

Dietz Elementary School

Family Movie Night on April 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for the PTA meeting and the movie at 6:00 p.m.

We invite all of you to the Dietz Fine Arts program at Palo Verde High School on May 3. This year we will be highlighting our Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA) program. This program is partially made possible through tax credit donations. Because of parents, grandparents, volunteers, teachers, staff and community members, we collected over \$13,900 in the year 2004. We are already collecting for 2005 and have \$450 to date. Please consider Dietz for your tax credit donation for 2005. This money is even more needed due to the TUSD budget cuts that have already and will continue to affect Dietz.

We are actively recruiting students to our school for 2005-06. If your child attends another school, we invite you to call our school and set up an appointment to visit Dietz. We have many programs to offer and would be happy to give you a tour.

The last day of school for students this year is Tuesday, May 24. For information about summer programs being offered including the breakfast and lunch summer program or anything else that has been mentioned, please call the school at 731-4000.

We thank the Dietz Neighborhood Association and our Dietz neighbors for all your support. We look forward to our continued partnership that works toward student achievement and success!

Thanks to our Neighborhood Donors!

A special thank you to everyone that volunteered and provided donations for our "Special Event", the Dietz Easter Egg Hunt. We appreciate your help and kindness. And three cheers to Donn Corder who has done a great job coordinating the event for the neighborhood.

We particularly want to acknowledge the contributions of Barry Fotheringham of Century 21 Realty, Dave & Maria Mansfield of Coldwell Banker Realty, Eegees, Quick Pawn, and the Dietz PTA for their donations. It's nice having local companies and organizations care so much about our community.

Thank You!

Median clean up

The dates & times for the median cleanups for the remainder of 2005 are:

- April 16 — 7:00 a.m.
- May 21 — 7:00 a.m.
- June 18 — 7:00 a.m.
- July 16 — 7:00 a.m.
- August 20 — 7:00 a.m.
- September 17 — 7:00 a.m.
- October 15 — 8:00 a.m.
- November 19 — 8:00 a.m.
- December 17 — 8:00 a.m.

These are all Saturday mornings and we meet at the playground by Dietz School at Prudence and Palma.

DIETZ NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P.O. Box 18961, Tucson AZ 85731-8961

2005 DUES \$5.00 per person/calendar year (All Donations will be greatly appreciated)

NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone Number: _____ Is it unlisted? _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Are you retired? _____

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Please check areas where you can help

_____ Phoning: To remind people of activities and meetings

_____ Mailing: Assist in preparing newsletters and flyers for mailing

_____ Other (Please explain): _____

All information on this form is voluntary. Please feel free to skip any area you do not wish to complete.

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